

## Message Text

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E.O. 11652: XGDS-1  
TAGS: MNUC, US, UK, SF, IR  
SUBJ: UK SPEAKING NOTE ON SOUTH AFRICAN-IRANIAN  
NUCLEAR RELATIONS

REF: STATE 150264

1. WE ARE SOMEWHAT HANDICAPPED IN RESPONDING TO REFTEL  
SINCE WE HAVE TO NOW BEEN COMPLETELY IN THE DARK ON US-UK  
APPROACHES TO SOUTH AFRICA AND THE POTENTIAL IMPACT OF THESE  
ACTIONS ON IRAN. HOWEVER, WE BELIEVE STRONGLY THAT ETEMAD  
SHOULD BE BRIEFED AND NOT LEFT TO CONJURE UP DARK THOUGHTS  
BASED ON PARTIAL KNOWLEDGE.

2. WE ARE PRESENTLY AT A CRUCIAL STAGE IN NEGOTIATIONS ON  
OUR BILATERAL NUCLEAR AGREEMENT. WE SEE IT AS ENTIRELY  
POSSIBLE THAT THE IRANIANS SUSPECT THAT THEIR PROBLEMS  
WITH AUSTRALIA OVER URANIUM PURCHASES ARE PART (SOUTH AFRICA  
BEING THE OTHER ELEMENT) OF A US SQUEEZE TO MAKE THE  
GOI MORE AMENABLE TO OUR FORMULATIONS. SUCH A  
PERCEPTION IS NOT IN OUR INTERESTS WITH RESPECT TO OUR  
NEGOTIATIONS OR OUR OVERALL POSITION HERE. WE HAVE  
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GENERALLY FOUND HERE THAT CANDOR IS THE BEST APPROACH.

3. PLEASE PROVIDE FULL TALKING POINTS SOONEST.  
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